

THE
Cincinnati Inns of Court:

AN ASSOCIATION

OF

Members of the Legal Profession,

INSTITUTED FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADVANCEMENT IN THE
SCIENCE OF THE LAW, AND IMPROVEMENT IN ITS
PRACTICE AND ADMINISTRATION,

IN

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On Legal Ethics and Professional Conduct.

E. F. NOYES, H. C. WHITMAN,
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On Reforms in the Law and its Administration.

M. F. FORCE, M. B. HAGANS,
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On Legal Questions submitted.

I. C. COLLINS, T. W. BARTLEY,
I. M. JORDAN.

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WAS organized on the 13th day of January, 1868, under the authority of an Act of the Legislature of the State of Ohio, passed April 15, 1867.

The authorized capital stock of the Association is \$50,000, divided into shares of fifty dollars each.

The amount of the stock subscribed at this time is \$25,600.

The Association numbers among its members, at this time, over sixty members of the bar, in active practice.

The purposes of this Association, and its forms of procedure, are, to some extent, shown by its By-laws and Regulations, set forth herein.

BY-LAWS

OF

The Cincinnati Inns of Court.

ARTICLE I.

THE objects of this Company, declared in general terms in the charter as “the advancement of legal knowledge, and the better and more convenient discharge of professional duties connected therewith,” may be more comprehensively defined as follows :

First. To promote learning and concert of action in the Bar of Cincinnati; to incite to higher attainments in the science of the law; to elevate the standard of professional courtesy and integrity, and to introduce greater facilities and conveniences in the administration of the law.

Second. To encourage and aid those who may from time to time be added to the members of the profession.

Third. To cherish the memory and fame of those who, in the past, have filled honorably and truly their calling at this Bar; and generally, to make the profession of the law attractive and ennobling.

ARTICLE II.

The Officers of the Company.

SECTION 1. The officers of this Association shall be : a President, First and Second Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer.

SEC. 2. These officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors, as soon as practicable after the annual election of the Directors; and they shall hold their offices respectively until their successors are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE III.

Of Directors.

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of thirteen Directors, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of every Director to attend all meetings of the Board when not unavoidably prevented by sickness, absence from home, or some paramount duty; and when so prevented, to make known to the Board, without delay, the cause of his absence. For absence at any stated meeting of the Board, without sufficient excuse, a Director shall be liable to pay to the Treasurer five dollars. And in case of the absence of a Director at three successive meetings of the Board, without rendering a sufficient excuse therefor, it shall be the duty of the Board to declare his seat vacant, and to elect some other member to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Committees.

SECTION 1. There shall be six Standing Committees appointed by the President of the Board of Directors, each consisting of three Directors, to wit:

1. A Committee on Rooms, and the incidents thereto, for the accommodation of the Association, and the Board of Directors.
2. On the Finances of the Company.
3. On Advancement in the Science of the Law, and Law Periodicals.
4. On Legal Ethics and Professional Conduct.
5. On Reforms needed in our Judicial System, and in the Practice and the Administration of the Law.
6. On Legal Questions submitted for the Opinion of the Board.

SEC. 2. Special Committees shall be appointed by resolution of the Board whenever required.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committees to confer promptly and thoroughly upon the subjects referred to them, and to report to the Board thereon at every stated monthly meeting.

SEC. 4. Special Committees shall be required to report promptly; but the time for their action and discharge may be extended from time to time as the business upon which they are appointed shall require.

ARTICLE V.

Of Membership.

SECTION 1. Every stockholder who has been admitted to membership in the Association, shall be entitled to equal benefits and advantages therein, without regard to the number of shares of stock by him held.

SEC. 2. As the votes of the stockholders at the annual election of the Board of Directors are, by law, proportioned to the number of shares of stock held by each, the assessments to pay the expenses of the Association shall always be in proportion to the amount of stock so held; but no stockholder shall ever, without his consent in writing, be required by the Board to pay or contribute more than the amount of unpaid stock by him subscribed or held in the corporation.

SEC. 3. No person shall be admitted to membership who has not been regularly admitted to practice law in the Courts of Record of this State. And admission to membership hereafter shall require a vote of at least three-fourths of the Directors of the Association, and for which an application in writing, signed by one or more members of the Association, shall be presented to the Board at a stated meeting, at least one month before such vote can be taken. And a transfer of stock by a stockholder or member, shall not entitle the transferee to the benefits and advantages of the Association until he has been regularly admitted to membership by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 4. Every member shall be liable to suspension or expulsion by a vote of at least three-fourths of the Directors, on a charge or charges of unprofessional and dishonorable conduct, preferred in written specifications, by a member of the Association. But before such suspension or expulsion shall be made,

the member implicated shall have due notice of the charge, and a fair opportunity of explanation and defense before the board, and the right of appeal to the members of the Association at their next regular meeting thereafter, at which the decision of the Directors shall be liable to reversal; but if, on such appeal, the decision of the Board should not be reversed by a majority of the members, the accused shall be forever excluded from the privileges and benefits of membership herein.

SEC. 5. A stock book shall be kept by the Secretary, showing the amount of stock held by each member; but no transfer of stock shall be effective to entitle the holder to full membership until sanctioned by a vote of the Board of Directors as herein before provided.

ARTICLE VI.

Of Business.

SECTION 1. Legal questions of difficulty and importance may be submitted for consideration and determination before the Board of Directors on an application, in writing, of any member, presented to the President or either Vice President; and the officer to whom such application shall be so made, shall, without delay, refer the same, either to the standing committee on that business, or to a select committee of three members, to be appointed by him, who shall duly consider the same and report thereon to the Board of Directors at their next meeting. And the Board shall promptly decide thereon, and may direct a written opinion to be given to the member submitting the question for determination. And any charge made for such opinion shall be paid to the Treasurer for the benefit of the Association.

SEC. 2. All business reported on by either a standing or a special committee, shall be acted on by the Board of Directors at an early period; and when of sufficient importance, may be referred by the Board to the Association at the first regular meeting thereof.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint some member of this Association, at an early period of every year, to deliver an appropriate address at a public meeting of the Association, to be held in the month of January next ensuing, on the subjects of its business, its purposes, progress, utility, and future prospects.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Board to extend occasional invitations to members of the legal profession, eminent for learning and ability, to deliver addresses before the Association on topics connected with its business and objects.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary, under the instructions of the Board, to correspond with members of the bar on the subject of instituting branches, or kindred associations, in the other counties of this State, with a view to their co-operation in the advancement of the legal profession, and improvement in the science of the law.

ARTICLE VII.

Of Meetings.

SECTION 1. The annual meetings of the members of this Association shall be held on the second Monday of January of each year.

SEC. 2. There shall be stated meetings of the Association once every three months, at a time and place to be designated by the Directors; and other meetings of the Association may be called by the Directors as special occasions may require.

SEC. 3. There shall be a stated meeting of the Board of Directors on the first Monday of every month; and such special meetings as may be appointed or called by the Board, or any three members thereof. If circumstances should intervene to prevent the attendance of a quorum at any stated meeting of the Board, the same shall stand adjourned until the same hour of the next day, at the same place, and so also from day to day until a quorum shall be present.

SEC. 4. At the meetings of the Association, as well as at the meetings of the Board of Directors, the President shall preside, and in his absence, the first Vice President, and in the absence of the first Vice President, the second Vice President shall preside. And in the absence of all three of these officers, a president *pro tempore* may, on motion, be appointed to preside. And the Secretaries and Treasurer of the Board shall also act as such officers at all meetings of the Association.

SEC. 5. Due notice shall previously be given of every meeting of the Association; and at such meetings, at least twelve members shall be required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 6. At all meetings of the Association, and also at all meetings of the Board of Directors, a quorum being present, the presiding officer shall take the chair, state the object of the meeting, and proceed to business without delay. And the proceedings and deliberations at all such meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the known and usual rules of order which govern deliberative assemblies.

SEC. 7. The business of stated meetings of the Board of Directors shall be taken up in the following order: first, the call of the roll of the directors, and hearing the excuses for absence, *if any*; second, the reading of the minutes of the last stated meeting, and of intervening meetings; third, reports from standing committees; fourth, reports from special or select committees; fifth, the unfinished business of former meetings;

and sixth, new business which any Director may desire to bring before the Board.

ARTICLE VIII.

SECTION 1. A member of the bar, in good standing, not residing in Hamilton county, but occasionally attending the Courts in Cincinnati, may be elected an Honorary Member of the Association by the Board of Directors; and as such, privileged to be present at the meetings of the Association, and stated meetings of the Board of Directors.

SEC. 2. The stated monthly meetings of the Board of Directors shall not be private; but any member of the Association may attend such meetings of the Board when he may desire to do so.

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